

**Salem Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission  
January 12, 2009**

Present: Balavender, G., Alt. - arrived at 7:32 pm  
Belt, E.  
Chinatti, M. - WEO  
Khan Bureau, D. - arrived at 7:35 pm  
Leuck, W.  
Natoli, E., Alt.  
Phillips, R.  
Snyder, S.  
Wildrick, L.  
Ziegra, G.

Absent: Vacancy, Alt.

Guest: Z. Khan

Chairman G. Ziegra called the meeting to order at 7:31 pm.

M/S/C (Leuck/Belt) to seat E. Natoli for D. Khan-Bureau. Vote: approved unanimously.

G. Balavender arrived at the meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

None Scheduled.

**ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA:**

The chairman, with the Commission's consent, added the following to tonight's agenda:

Under *NEW BUSINESS*:  
"4) Ethics Policy"

D. Khan-Bureau arrived at the meeting.

E. Natoli stepped down.

D. Khan-Bureau assumed her seat on the Commission.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS:**

1) **December 8, 2008 - Regular Meeting**

M/S/C (Snyder/Leuck) to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2008 Salem Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission Regular Meeting as presented. Vote: approved unanimously.

**WETLANDS ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:** (See attached to the filed copy of these minutes.)

M. Chinatti, WEO, stated that her WEO Report should be revised as follows:  
Page 1, in the fourth paragraph, in the sixth line, change ..... *lake-side of the wall.* to "..... landside of the wall."

and

that all items in the report will be addressed at the time they are discussed on tonight's agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**1) Khan - Regulated Activity application (#08-12-01) for the construction of a retaining wall to control lake erosion - 186 Old Colchester Road**

The chair reviewed the application for the construction of a retaining wall on the shore of Gardner Lake.

Z. Khan, applicant, appeared before the Commission:

Has been wanting to do this for two (2) years due to the erosion taking place on his beach.

He will be constructing the wall to match and tie in with the wall built by his neighbor, for which the Commission approved a permit last year.

It will be built at the high water mark; no construction will take place in the water; a small backhoe will be used to dig the trench for the footings.

It will be of block construction and backfilled on the landside and be grass to the top of the wall.

M. Chinatti, WEO:

Recommends approval with the conditions as stated on the permit and the three (3) other conditions stated in her WEO Report.

M/S/C Belt/Wildrick) to approve Regulated Activity application #08-12-01 of Z. Khan for the construction of a retaining wall at Gardner Lake to control erosion at 186 Old Colchester Road with the conditions as stated on the permit and the following further conditions:

8. Silt fence backed by staked hay bales shall be properly installed at the easterly limits of construction and maintained throughout the construction period,
9. Work shall be done at such a time as the work site is above the water level of Gardner Lake, and
10. All residual material shall be removed from the wetland area.

Vote: approved unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **1) IW&W Regulation revision**

Commission review of the proposed revisions (See as stated in the WEO Report attached to the filed copy of these minutes):

- The addition of new Sections 7.11 a) through d);
- The addition of new Sections 10.8 and 10.9;
- An amendment to Section 11.11; and
- An amendment to Section 19.5 (the addition of Section 19.5f).

Commission modifications:

- Section 10.9 - change ..... *not later than fifteen days after receipt of actual notice of permit approval*, ..... to "..... not later than fifteen days after publication of actual notice of permit approval, .....".
- Section 19.5f, the Commission set the *Fee in lieu of Digital Map Submission* at "\$250.00 per lot".

M/S/C (Khan-Bureau/Wildrick) to set a public hearing for the following revisions to the Salem Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations:

- The addition of new Sections 7.11 a) through d);
- The addition of new Sections 10.8 and 10.9;
- An amendment to Section 11.11; and
- An amendment to Section 19.5 (the addition of Section 19.5f),

as discussed and modified this evening, for Monday, March 9, 2009, 7:00 pm, Salem Town Office Building, 270 Hartford Road. Vote: approved unanimously.

### **2) Niantic River Watershed Management Plan - discussion of members' reviews**

The Commission discussed their review of the Plan; consensus was that no changes were required.

### **3) Election of Officers for 2009**

M/S/C (Phillips/Leuck) that the 2008 Slate of Officers of the Salem Inland Wetlands and Conservation Commission, George Ziegler, Chairman; Sally Snyder, Vice chairman; and Diba Khan-Bureau, Secretary; remain the same for the year 2009. Vote: approved unanimously.

### **4) Ethics Policy**

Copies of the Acknowledgement of Policy (signature page) for the Town of Salem Ethics Policy were signed by all members of the Commission.

This acknowledgement is a yearly requirement.

#### **CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

1) **Adhoc Conservation Committee report**

E. Belt stated that his New Year's Resolution is to "get this done".

2) **Adhoc Open Space Inventory Committee report**

S. Snyder had no report.

3) **Adhoc Educational Outreach Committee report**

D. Khan-Bureau stated that she feels with just she and Linda on it, the Committee can't do much.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. The Habitat.
2. Memo from the Board of Finance in regard to the 2009/2010 Budget.
3. Workshop/seminar notices.
4. CT Wildlife.
5. Newsletters.

#### **CRITIQUE:**

There was no *CRITIQUE* this evening.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

M/S/C (Belt/Khan-Bureau) to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 pm. Vote: approved unanimously.

D. McTigue, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

G. Ziegler, chairman